

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Takeshi TAKAHA et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
Serial No. NEW : **Attorney Docket No. 2005-2066A**  
Filed January 6, 2006 :  
  
MOLDED ARTICLE CONTAINING  
 $\alpha$ -1,4-GLUCANS AND/OR ITS  
MODIFICATION AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME :  
**[Corresponding to PCT/JP2004/010149**  
**Filed July 9, 2004]**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: